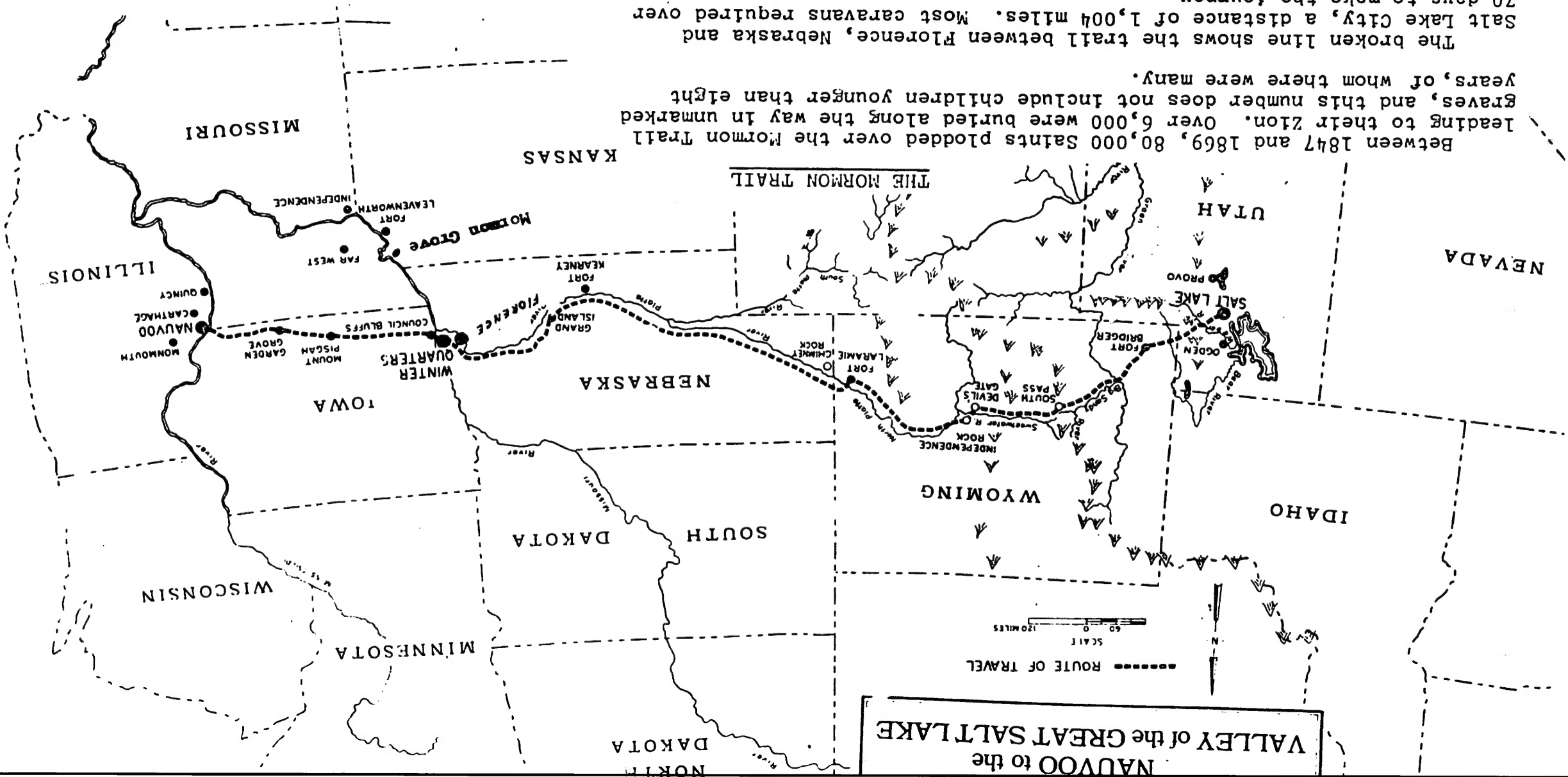


NAUVOO to the VALLEY of the GREAT SALT LAKE



Between 1847 and 1869, 80,000 Saints plodded over the Mormon Trail leading to their Zion. Over 6,000 were buried along the way in unmarked graves, and this number does not include children younger than eight years, of whom there were many.

The broken line shows the trail between Florence, Nebraska and Salt Lake City, a distance of 1,004 miles. Most caravans required over 70 days to make the journey.

Through Nebraska and part of Wyoming the Pioneers stayed on the north side of the Platte River to keep themselves separated from other wagon trains heading for California and Oregon on the south side. This helped assure permanent camp grounds for the Saints who were to follow. Crops were planted where necessary for following companies.